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1 . . .Verbatim proceedings of a meeting in
2 the matter of Connecticut Health Information Technology
3 and Exchange, held at 101 East River Drive, East Hartford,
4 Connecticut on January 7, 2014 at 4:35 P.M.

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9 CHAIRPERSON MARK RAYMOND: It's 4:35 p.m.
10 so we're on the -- all set to go, great. Thank you all
11 for joining us here on the January 7th meeting of the
12 HITE/CT Board of Directors. I'll call the meeting to
13 order and I hope everyone had a healthy and happy New
14 Year. There's been a lot that's been going on here at
15 HITE/CT since last we spoke, so we'll get right into it
16 from there.

17 So the first item on the agenda is a
18 discussion and approval of the meeting minutes from both
19 the 11/5 and the 11/20 meetings. So first we'll address
20 the November 5th meeting minutes, which have been
21 distributed. Are there any -- hi this is Mark Raymond,
22 who's just joined?

23 MR. DAN CARMODY: Hey Mark, it's Dan
24 Carmody.

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1 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Hi Dan, thanks for
2 calling in.

3 MR. CARMODY: How you doing?

4 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: We were just -- had
5 gotten started and we're addressing the approval of the
6 November 5th minutes. So are there any questions or
7 changes to the minutes from the November 5th meeting?
8 Hearing none, do I hear a motion for approval of the
9 November 5th meeting minutes?

10 MR. RODERICK BREMBY: So moved.

11 MS. BETTYE JO PAKULIS: Second.

12 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Moved by Commissioner
13 Bremby, seconded by Bettye Jo Pakulis. All in favor of
14 approving the November 5th minutes signify with Aye.

15 ALL VOICES: Aye.

16 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Any opposed? Any
17 abstains? Okay, the minutes have passed thank you. Now
18 I'll entertain the Wednesday, November 20th special
19 meeting that we had and again, those meeting minutes have
20 been distributed. At this point I'll ask if there are any
21 changes or amendments to the minutes that have been
22 distributed.

23 Not hearing any do I hear a motion to
24 approve the minutes from the November 20th meeting?

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1 MS. PAKULIS: I'll make the motion.

2 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Bettye Jo, thank you.

3 MALE VOICE: Second.

4 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: And second from Dan
5 Carmody, was that you Dan?

6 MR. CARMODY: It can be.

7 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Was that someone
8 else? I don't want to jump in.

9 MR. CARMODY: It's okay.

10 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Okay, Dan Carmody
11 seconds. All in favor of approving the November 20th
12 minutes signify with Aye.

13 ALL VOICES: Aye.

14 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Any opposed? None
15 opposed, so passed thank you. The next item on the agenda
16 is HITE/CT Board business and our Treasurer's report and I
17 will ask Chris Kraus to join us here and review our
18 financial status. Chris, if you can join in?

19 MS. CHRIS KRAUS: Okay, I sent out the
20 financials yesterday afternoon so things are looking a
21 little rosier. We have \$207,313.43 in our bank account.
22 Current liabilities is now only \$9,596.17 and that's
23 actually accrued vacation, so there are no unpaid
24 invoices. Our net income is a minus \$182.71, that's

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1 \$182,000.71. Total equity \$200,373.04.

2 If you go to the Q&L statement, we received
3 a grant payment of \$1,002,636.70 and our total expenses
4 for December were up-to-date current -- I'm sorry, our
5 current total expenses through December 31st,
6 \$1,184,637.41. Of that was a payment to Axway for
7 \$970,000 this month. Our expenses for December,
8 \$980,460.33 and once again, of that \$970,000 was a payment
9 to Axway. Any questions?

10 MS. PAKULIS: Nice news to hear that.

11 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: I'm going to linger
12 out there for awhile just to make sure that there's not
13 any questions. Okay, thank you for that report Chris.
14 I'd like to -- I'd entertain a motion to approve the
15 Treasurer's report at this time.

16 MR. CARMODY: I'll --

17 MS. BARBARA PARKS-WOLF: I'm going to give
18 somebody else a chance.

19 MS. PAKULIS: I'll second it.

20 MS. KRAUS: Who was the first?

21 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Who was the first?

22 MR. CARMODY: Dan.

23 MS. KRAUS: Okay, thanks Dan.

24 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Thank you Dan. It

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1 was seconded by Bettie Jo Pakulis. All in favor of
2 approving the Treasurer's report signify with an Aye.

3 ALL VOICES: Aye.

4 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Anyone against? Not
5 hearing any the Treasurer's report is approved. The next
6 item is a discussion of the 2014 meeting schedule, and I
7 will apologize that I actually don't have it in front of
8 me. Do you have that Chris?

9 MS. KRAUS: So the question is do you want
10 to continue with the first Tuesday of the month, and I'm
11 assuming we're only scheduling through March is that
12 correct? I wasn't sure.

13 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: No, I think right now
14 we should schedule for the remainder of the year of 2014
15 --

16 MS. KRAUS: Okay.

17 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: -- and if we need to
18 adjust that we will.

19 MS. KRAUS: And that does not land on any
20 holidays so I will send out the actual dates, I just want
21 to make sure everyone wants to continue at 4:30 the first
22 Tuesday of the month.

23 MR. BREMBY: That works.

24 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Is there anyone that

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1 this creates a particular problem with in terms of the
2 scheduling? Okay, so I think that since that's our
3 current schedule --

4 MR. BRUCE CHUDWICK: Why don't you have a
5 motion and a second to approve that schedule so it can be
6 filed with the Secretary of State's office.

7 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Okay, thank you
8 Bruce. I will entertain a motion to extend our current
9 meeting schedule to 2014. Do I hear a motion to that
10 effect?

11 MR. BREMBY: So moved.

12 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Commissioner Bremby,
13 thank you. Do I hear a second? I'll second that, Mark
14 Raymond. All in favor signify with an Aye.

15 ALL VOICES: Aye.

16 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Any opposed? Okay,
17 thank you so we will stick with the same schedule moving
18 forward in 2014.

19 The next item on the agenda is HITE/CT
20 agency business and there's a couple of items that we want
21 to report on there. The first is that we did -- at our
22 last meeting we had authorized moving forward on the
23 acquisition of a technical project lead in John
24 DeStefano's absence contingent upon the receipt of grant

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1 funds to HITE/CT from DPH. We have received those funds
2 obviously and we have brought on a resource to help us
3 with our remaining activities during the grant period of
4 time to help us get software installed and configured and
5 working.

6 And so we're happy to announce that Lou
7 Matteo, who comes to us with a long background working in
8 the health space and specifically working with EHR but
9 also provider directories, has joined the team. Chris,
10 can you let Ron in?

11 MS. KRAUS: Oh.

12 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Thank you. And so
13 Lou has joined us the day after Christmas and is now I
14 think about six days into his journey and has come up to
15 speed wonderfully, and we're happy and lucky to have him
16 as a part of the team. So Lou, I didn't know if you had
17 anything to share with the group?

18 MR. LOU MATTEO: Just excited to be here
19 and I'm happy to be working towards our deliverables.

20 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Okay, so for those on
21 the phone just excited to be here and happy to be working
22 towards the deliverables.

23 The next item from a report and update
24 perspective is the DPH and HITE/CT amended memo of

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1 agreement and the year three budget. Again, I'm happy to
2 report that the amended agreement that we voted on in the
3 last meeting was accepted by Department of Public Health
4 and the Attorney General's office. And so that has been
5 put into place that changed -- adjusted the scope of our
6 agreement and that the year three budget was approved by
7 the Department of Public Health. So that was also a
8 tremendous accomplishment.

9 And then finally the last item on the
10 update is the Axway amended contract and claims dismissal.
11 So pursuant to our agreement or the direction last time,
12 we have entered and executed an amended agreement with
13 Axway that changes our contractual requirements and allows
14 us to bring onboard the provider directory EMPI products
15 and the EPI servers from Axway and get implementation
16 services for that. And then with that amended agreement
17 there was a complete dismissal of the federal claim
18 between Axway and HITE/CT. So that business is behind us
19 as well. So I will stop there for a moment and see if
20 there's any questions about any of those updated items.

21 MR. BREMBY: That's all good news.

22 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: It is good news,
23 thank you. It allows us to move forward, which is
24 something that I desperately and this group has

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1 desperately wanted for a long time, so.

2 DR. RONALD BUCKMAN: Actually -- so I think
3 last time we were talking about the question of where the
4 MPI was going to be hosted and housed.

5 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Yes.

6 DR. BUCKMAN: Has that been settled yet?

7 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Okay, there was a
8 question on the phone -- or I'm sorry, a question from Ron
9 Buckman for those on the phone about an open -- about
10 where the EMPI and provider Gateway would be hosted and
11 whether that's been resolved. The State, the DASS will be
12 providing the hosting services for that so it will
13 actually be hosted here in the data center. And I believe
14 you had -- Lou had a meeting with folks just previous to
15 this one discussing that opportunity.

16 And we have -- we'll provide an update at
17 our next meeting about the specific work plan tasks. We
18 have engaged the Department of Public Health on data
19 sources associated with the provider directory and to
20 restarting all of those processes in order to move very
21 quickly, you know, collecting that information, making
22 it's cleansed and available and ready for use is going to
23 take some doing. So we're happily looking forward to be
24 able to move forward in a positive way versus looking back

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1 and trying to plod a way forward. Are there any other
2 questions or discussions about any of those three updated
3 items?

4 Okay, the next item on the agenda is an
5 audit update so I think I'm going to have to ask Chris to
6 set up shop over here. She gets a lot of exercise walking
7 back forth across the room but Chris, can you give us an
8 update?

9 MS. KRAUS: Sure. I anticipate that our
10 two audits will be complete by the end of January. The
11 accountants, now that we've resolved the Axway unpaid
12 invoices, can update all of our financial statements and
13 provide them to our auditing accountants. Also, I got a
14 call from the State auditors so I'm working to provide
15 them the files they need because that's a completely
16 different audit so that will just get started this week.
17 That's it, any questions?

18 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Okay, thank you.
19 Yeah, so the next item on the agenda is other business.
20 Chris, did you want to add something there?

21 MS. KRAUS: Sure. I distributed the fourth
22 quarter in-kind statements and many of you have returned
23 them already, so thanks kindly. For those who haven't
24 just a little nudge if you could sign, scan and e-mail

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1 them to me as soon as possible that would be great.

2 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Okay, a couple of
3 other items for other business. The two contracts that we
4 have for some of our representation expire and are at the
5 full length of their contract term at the end of February
6 2014, so at our next meeting we'll have to discuss how we
7 handle those moving forward and what we want to do with
8 that. But I did want to bring to everyone's attention.

9 We do have a small sustainability
10 discussion that will be happening in the next week or so
11 to begin to tackle the question of how we -- what the
12 structure will be to move forward the goals of health
13 information in technology in general. So I'm looking
14 forward to that kind of a discussion. In relation to the
15 budget, there was two meetings ago an approval of wanting
16 to continue with the voucher program under the hopes that
17 additional matching funds would be available to allow us
18 to maximize the federal grant for the purposes here. At
19 this point it's still difficult to see us outline or being
20 able to get additional matching funds to enable that
21 voucher program.

22 So it's not off the table, but the current
23 funding and the in-kind -- not the in-kind but the State-
24 side match that enables us to maximize the full grant

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1 program, it still looks like it's going to be nip and tuck
2 to the very end to get to what the current contract
3 agreement has and as such the amended -- if you recall the
4 amended contract agreement between HITE/CT and DPH did not
5 include that because the funding wasn't available to do
6 so. So I did want to raise that to folk's attention and
7 make sure that they recall that but we're not done sort of
8 efforting that and if there is an opportunity for us to
9 continue to be able to do that we will and we'll keep you
10 apprised of those activities.

11 The last item under agency business -- and
12 I will send this around to the Board of Directors because
13 someone had reached out to me wanting HITE/CT to consider
14 participating in a pilot for something called consent to
15 share. And consent to share is an open source pilot
16 that's being run to track and manage consent to be able to
17 share information. It's really initially driven by the
18 behavioral health community. I just received this so I
19 will send it out to the Board for discussion at our next
20 meeting, so just so you understand the context and sort of
21 where it's coming from.

22 I'm not sure that we're well positioned at
23 this time to participate in that, but I did want to share
24 it with you all and make sure that we gave it the

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1 appropriate attention in case there's others on the Board
2 who believe that we're better positioned to do that. So
3 that's the end of the updates from the agency business
4 perspective.

5 At this time the next item on the agenda is
6 other business, so I will open the floor to comment for
7 participants and Board members if there's any other
8 business they would like to raise. Hearing none, we'll
9 move on to the public comment section of the agenda. I
10 open the floor to public comment. We have -- if you're
11 going to join us I'd ask that you move closer to the
12 microphone so that people on the phone can hear you.
13 Actually probably here.

14 MR. ED TIERNEY: My name is Ed Tierney and
15 I just had a quick question relative to these changes that
16 have been announced today. Does that affect in any way
17 our relationships or plans that we have with the State of
18 Rhode Island previously if anyone knows?

19 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Do the changes
20 announced today affect the relationship with the State of
21 Rhode Island? Rhode Island, RIQI, has agreed to provide
22 services in the event that we are positioned to be able to
23 fund them. So they weren't going to do work for free but
24 they were going to do work if we could offset their cost

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1 for participating in the program.

2 RIQI is -- since we are not positioned to
3 be able to fund them, that participation, it doesn't
4 provide us an opportunity to participate in that
5 marketplace. So I do believe that it changes the
6 arrangement in terms of the provision of those services
7 through the RIQI marketplace. Any other comments?

8 Okay, not hearing any other public comments
9 at this point Item No. 7 on the agenda is adjournment so
10 do I hear a motion to adjourn the meeting?

11 DR. BUCKMAN: Move to adjourn.

12 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Ron Buckman has moved
13 to adjourn the meeting, do I hear a second?

14 MS. VANESSA KAPRAL: Second.

15 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Vanessa was the
16 second.

17 MS. KAPRAL: Thank you.

18 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: All in favor of
19 adjournment please signify with a beep.

20 ALL VOICES: Beep -- Aye.

21 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Thank you all.

22 (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at
23 4:56 p.m.)